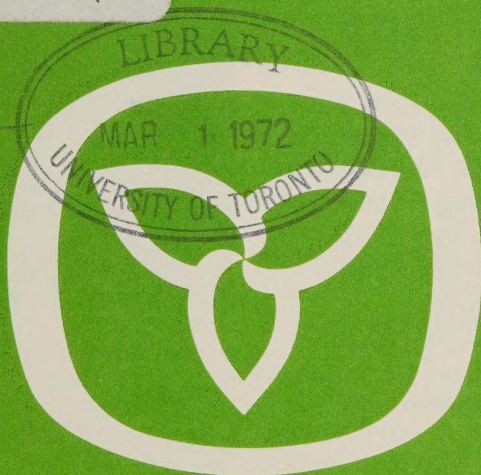


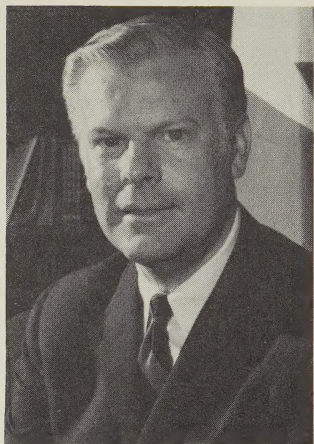
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## **Strengthening Family Life**

The strengthening of home and family life is one of the major goals of my Department. The provisions of The Homemakers and Nurses Services Act help us to help families.

I am concerned that financial assistance be available to the needy so that they may benefit from the services of either a homemaker or nurse in their own home, without having the family disrupted. A father whose wife is sick in the hospital can continue to work, knowing his children can remain at home and be cared for by a mature, responsible homemaker. A disabled, handicapped or elderly person can remain in his own home and still receive special care, without having his normal life disrupted by placement in a hospital or other institution. A mother can return home from the hospital sooner if the services of a qualified nurse are available in her home.

In these ways, I feel Home Care Services can help to preserve the home and family in a time of crisis.

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## How can a homemaker help you?

A homemaker is a mother replacement in the home. Under this program, the homemaker service is designed to preserve home and family life during the temporary absence or illness of the mother. The mother may be ill at home, or in the hospital, may have deserted her family or have died, and there is no one to care for the children. Without the service of a homemaker, the children may have to be put into the care of a children's aid society, or the father may have to leave his job. With a homemaker in the home, the father can continue to work, knowing his chil-



dren are being cared for and the responsibility for the management of the home is being carried out, in this time of crisis for the family. If the family cannot afford the full cost, the Department of Social and Family Services, and the

municipality or Indian Band, can help by paying part or all of the costs.

What is a homemaker? A homemaker is a mature, reliable person who will assume responsibility for the management of the household, care of the children, bedside care for the elderly, handicapped or ill persons, meal planning and preparation, the care and mending of clothes and general household management and duties.

Who needs the services of a homemaker? The services of a homemaker can best be used when there is a child in the home who might otherwise need to be cared for in a home other than his own during the temporary absence, illness or convalescence of his mother or any other person who normally looks after him.

The services of a homemaker are also valuable for a person who is handicapped, ill, convalescent or elderly, and who requires such services in order that he may remain in his own home. These persons may, in some cases, only require help for short periods of time to do the shopping, prepare a meal, do light laundry and cleaning and personal care services such

as walking, climbing, dressing, bathing and personal hygiene. A home-maker may also provide simple bedside care under the direction of an attending physician or visiting nurse.

### **How can a visiting nurse help you?**

The visits of a registered nurse can mean that handicapped, elderly, or convalescent persons can remain at home, and still receive the special care they need. This means a family can stay together or a person can remain in his own home, instead of having to go to a hospital, Home for the Aged or other institution to receive this care. Your physician must certify that the services of a nurse are necessary to enable you to remain at home or to return to your home from the hospital.

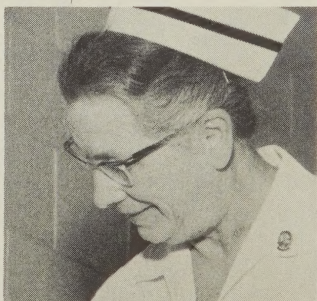
A nurse is any nurse registered under The Nurses Act, 1961-62. The nurse can make as many visits as the physician requests to provide special medical care. If this service is needed but you cannot afford the full cost, the Department of

Social and Family Services, and your municipality or Indian Band, can help by paying all or part of the cost.

### **What would these services cost you?**

The cost of these services varies in different areas of the Province. When you need these services it is expected that you will pay the fees, if you are able to.

What if you cannot afford these services? If you are a needy person, the social service department of your local municipality can help you by paying part or all of these costs. The Province of Ontario, through Social and Family Services, then repays the municipality 80 per cent. Your municipality means your city, town, village, township or district in which you live. It can also include Indian Bands and Regional or county governments. If you live where there is no municipal government, or if you are unsure as to



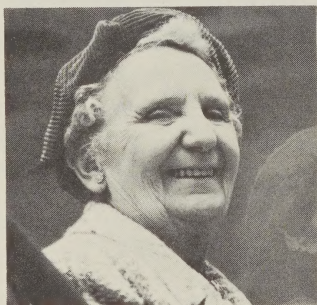
where your municipal office is, consult the Regional Office or Sub-office of the Department of Social and Family Services listed on the back.

The municipality may employ its own nurses or homemakers, but in most cases the municipality purchases the services of a nurse or homemaker on a fee-for-service basis from such private organizations as the Visiting Homemakers Association, The Red Cross Society, The Victorian Order of Nurses and The St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses Association. The length of time you have a homemaker in your home or the number of visits a nurse may make to your home, is determined by the need of each individual or family for these services.

In order to decide about your eligibility for assistance with this program, a municipality will take into account your assets, such as savings, bonds and stocks, as well as your income. In general, a person in need is a person who qualifies for Family Benefits or General Welfare Assistance. This also includes a person who, by reason of financial hardship, inability to obtain regular employment, lack of the principal family

provider, illness, disability or old age, has an income that is less than what the municipality determines are his needs, including the costs of nurses or homemakers services.

There is no specified length of time you must have been living in Ontario. The only residence qualification is that, at the time you apply, you reside



in the municipality where you are applying.

### **Where may I get more information?**

If you need the services but cannot afford all of the cost involved, phone or visit your municipal welfare office. You can also receive information by contacting the Regional Office or Sub-office nearest you.

The Ontario Department of Health also offers a home care program of nurses and homemakers services. This is part of the OHSIP program and is intended as an alternative to hospitalization.

**Where to go to find  
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Box 218. 726-6448

**COLLINGWOOD**

144 Hurontario St.  
445-4461

**SHELBURNE**

115 Owen Sound St.  
925-3319

**BELLEVILLE**

Room 2, 14 Bridge St. W.  
Box 816. 968-3506

**BANCROFT**

Hastings Centennial Manor  
Lot 2, Concession "A"  
Box 99. 332-3410.

**CHATHAM**

Weymar Bldg.  
48-Fifth St. 352-5040

**SARNIA**

Room 207  
700 North Christina St.  
344-1651

**CORNWALL**

132 Second St. E.  
Box 1358. 932-3381

**HAMILTON**

Ste. 525, 135 James St. S.  
Box 870. 528-9884

**BRAMPTON**

Ste. 506, 24 Queen St. E.  
459-7135

**OAKVILLE**

345 Lakeshore Blvd. E.  
844-1221

**KEEWATIN**

104 Government Rd.  
Box 429. 547-2801

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32 King St. 223-2241

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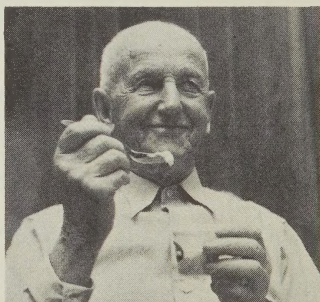
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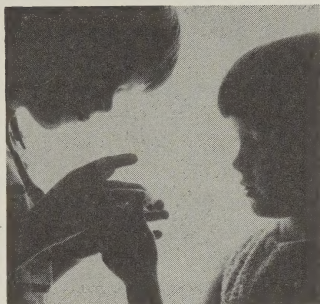
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